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30. 4. 21.

My dear Maharajah Sahib

Last Monday, when I was at Government House, I had a talk with Lord Willingdon & told him the whole story about the Bangalore Surplus Revenues. I met him again out riding this morning & he himself referred to the subject. He was most sympathetic about it and asked me to give you the following message.

He said:—
Please ask His Highness if he would like me to speak to the Viceroy on the subject - I am going to see the Viceroy soon & I will very gladly speak to him privately, & tell him the whole story. I cannot of course intervene officially in the matter; but as an old friend of His Highness, and knowing Lord Reading as I do, I can talk to him quite frankly and I am very

Auricius to do anything I can to help
Her Highness. If you can give me a
note on the whole question & Copies of
any "relevant" papers, I can do the
rest"

I told His Excellency that I would give
Her Highness his above message & that
I felt sure she would appreciate very
deeply his very kind offer to play
the part of a friend "in need and
in deed"

I do not know when Lord Willingdon is
coming to Simla - probably after
Lady Willingdon has left for England.
I hope Her Highness may see him here
& express what she feels in person.
No doubt Her Highness will write a
line to him, in any case. Lord Willingdon's
personal intervention might help
us very greatly - Indeed there is no
other way of placing our point of view
before Lord Reading. Our official letters
going through the Resident & the Foreign
Secretary are certain to be put before

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Lord Reading in such a way as to make
him take a prejudiced view, as we are
putting them in the wrong, & they (I mean
the Political Department) will never
admit that they are wrong!! No one
friend than Your Highness has, who can
open the Viceroy's eyes, is Lord Reading now,
& he is a man of such unfriendly tact
that you can trust him absolutely
to play the part of your friend &
advocate. I hope Your Highness will
agree with me.
Would Mirza send me Copies of all
the important correspondence on the
subject? I refer particularly to
(1) the letter from the Resident announcing
that the Govt of India had admitted our
claim to the Surplus Revenues
(2) any Extracts from the Govt of India's letters
on the same subject. (I do not know if
we have got these letters).

(3) The Viceroy's remarks in the subject in his Banquet speech at Mysore.

(4) The announcement made by Mr Dewan to the Representative Assembly on the same subject

(5) Details of the refunds of surplus Revenues that have been made by us from time to time

(6) a Copy of the Resident's letter informing us that the Concession is a mere "act of Grace".

(7) Col. Kurz's letter suggesting an "algebraical" Compromise.

I can show all these papers to Lord Willingdon & let him take them to Simla

It would be useful too to have a note drawn up on the whole subject. Indeed Lord Willingdon himself mentioned that he would like to have such a note.

The Governor's arrival safely yesterday I saw him this morning. To-day he and Lady Irwin left: Have

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Under pack. How Hyleman has escaped this! Probably you both will go to Lady Willingdon is asking to ask him

Mr. Campbell + Mary are still far from well + I am thankful to be with them + very grateful to you for letting me be up here. The weather has turned very windy which is no sign of rain.

With our kindest regards
Yours very sincerely
R Maclagan